Improper use of funds in Poverty alleviation Programmes

3941. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has commented regarding improper use of funds in Poverty alleviation Programmes; and

(b) if so, the details including any new guidelines of the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. the World Bank has not claimed that India misused anti-poverty funds. However, in their report titled "*India: Achievements and* Challenges in Reducing Poverty" published in May, 1997, the World Bank has concluded that anti-poverty programmes have not been cost effective in reducing poverty.

(b) Question Does not arise.

Constitution of Monitoring and Vigilance Committees

3942. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee for monitoring and vigilance have been constituted to all blocks of the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Instruction were issued to all State Governments for constitution of Monitoring & Vigilance Committees at State, district and block levels. As per the reports received from the States, only Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Dadar & Nagar Haveli have constituted the Monitoring & Vigilance Committees at the block levels.

Potable water in village

3943. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that potable drinking water is a human right of a citizen;

(b) how many village are without potable water in India, State-wise;

(c) in how many villages the people drink salty water;

(d) in how many villages the people are drinking flouride water or the water with other chemicals or ingredients;

(e) the Government's plan to provide potable water to all these villages and in time bound programme; and

(f) the plan outlined be the Department of water resources management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) State-wise number of habitations which are not covered with potable water is given in the statement (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Number of habitations estimated to have been affected by various quality problems is given below:

(i)	Flouride	—	27845
(ii)	Arsenic	—	9003
(iii)	Salinity	—	33552
(iv)	Iron	—	76404

(e) and (f) Water supply being a state subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing central assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. As per the action plan prepared by the State Governments, all the rural habitations of the country, except some parts of Rajasthan, are to be

covered with drinking water facilities during Ninth Plan period, subject to availability of funds.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the State/ UT	Not covered Habitations
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	666
3.	Assam	8623
4.	Bihar	2522
5.	Goa	35
6.	Gujarat	1008
7.	Haryana	15
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4590
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3063
10.	Karnataka	1940
11.	Kerala	994
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13647
13.	Maharashtra	2985
14.	Manipur	222
15.	Maghalya	1005
16.	Mizoram	24
17.	Nagaland	445
18.	Orissa	7136
19.	Punjab	6000
20.	Rajasthan	7077
21.	Sikkim	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	0
23.	Tripura	888
24.	Uttar Pradesh	384
25.	West Bengal	0
26.	A&N Islands	11
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	128
28.	Daman & Diu	0
29.	Delhi	0
30.	Lakshadweep	0
31.	Pondicherry	0
32.	Chandigarh	0
	TOTAL	63408

Centrally sponsored schemes in North East States

3944. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the list of selected centrally sponsored schemes for rural development implemented in the North-East States with amount of financial assistances during the Eighth Five Year Plan on a State-wise basis;and

(b) whether the funds of these schemes are to be entrusted to the Deputy Commissioner of the District of Zilla Parishad of the District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The list of major selected centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment throughout the country including the North-Eastern State is given in Statement-I; and the details of funds provided during Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise is given at the Annexures-I to IV. [*See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 96]

(b) Funds under these schemes are released to different agencies namely DRDA/Zilla Parishad, Dy. Collector and the State Government as the case may be. In case of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Million Wells Scheme (MWS) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the funds are released directly to the District Rural Development Agency (DRDAs) and where the District Rural Development Agency (DRDAs) have been merged with Zilla Parishad, the funds are released to the Zilla Parishads. Under Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) since the implementing authority is Collector/Dy. Commissioner, the funds are entrusted to them. Under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), the funds are released to the State Governments. Funds for the schemes under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) are entrusted to the Chairman of the District Level Committee constituted for NSAP.